

The Pileup

Newsletter of the CDXA

CDXA Takes 2nd Place in 2013 Field Day

Dick Williams, W3OA

CDXA, operating W4DXA from the QTH of KI4TZ, took second place nationwide in Category 3E in this year's Field Day event. W4DXA scored 9,738, down only slightly from the 2012 score of 9,946 points. You can read how we did this on page 1 of the July 2013 *Pileup* (<http://www.cdxa.org/pileup/archives/cdxa1307.pdf>).



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Here are some different ways to compare our score to others:

- W4DXA was 2nd among the 18 entries in Category 3E.
- W4DXA was 1st among all 35 entries in the South Carolina Section.
- W4DXA was 6th among all 202 entries in the Roanoke Division.
- W4DXA was 47th among all 2,548 entries in all categories.

So it was another successful W4DXA Field Day effort. *Thank You* to all who participated! Planning has started for Field Day 2014, so please put Field Day on your schedule for June 28 and 29, 2014.

Note: Since Dick is currently at K9W, the updated 2013 numbers were added by your Editor.

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Wednesday Luncheon (11:30 AM)	Skyland Family Restaurant, 4544 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC

Another Great BBQ

Once again, Mother Nature was kind to us, and the excellent weather made the perfect backdrop for another great fall CDXA BBQ. Bob and Wanda Burton hosted the event at their house, and, as usual, Chef Ric provided the BBQ, with lots and lots of great salads and desserts from those who attended. Thanks to all who made it possible. During the BBQ, it was announced that next year the fun will move back to the home of Ken and Beverly Boyd. Start thinking about what goodies you can make to top this year's treats.

Here are some pictures from the BBQ, starting with a rare group photo of all the CDXA members who attended. (Thanks to Beverly Boyd for taking the picture.)



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The purpose of the association is to secure for the members the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons having a common interest in Amateur Radio.

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Yearly dues are \$25.00. A second licensed Amateur family member living in the same household can join for \$5.00 for a total family price of \$30.00 per year. The total price for 3 or more licensed family members living in the same household is only \$35.00 per year. All family members enjoy full member status. Dues are payable annually in December by check or through the CDXA website, to the Secretary/Treasurer:

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Antenna Envy!

November, 2013



Just chillin' and waitin' for the food.



Don, NX4O, showing off his new call and license. He's now also HP1BD, since he and Phyllis are spending much of their time in Panama now.



No really, with my latest cell phone you use a screw-driver to adjust the settings!



Chef Ric eats his own food ...good sign (and great food it is too!)



What makes Ted look so serious??



Everyone seems to be paying close attention to Hal, N4QT

CQWW/CW Is the Weekend Before Thanksgiving

Dick Williams, W3OA

The SSB contest was a lot of fun – the high bands were open like last year. Ten meters was especially good and was the highest scoring band for most of our entries. Let's hope the CW weekend is just as good. Last year we were thirteenth among the 79 U.S. entries in the club competition. We need a very strong effort in the CW contest to reach our goal of getting CDXA back to the top ten. Everyone's contribution will help.

The CDXA packet network will have extra capabilities during the contest that allow users to see spots from a world-wide network of CW Skimmers. Users will be able to get spots from the traditional Packet Cluster system plus spots from Skimmers in different size geographical areas. These areas can be from one Skimmer to one state all the way up to the whole World. An article on page 7 of the last [November Pileup](#) describes how to do this. There is a change since that article appeared. The spotterCqzone and spotterIltuzone filters now work. So if you want to see only spots from spotters in the Eastern U.S. you can use "set dx filter ((not skimmer) or (skimmer and (master or unique>1))) and spotterituzone=8". If you want to see spots from spotters in Eastern North America you can use "set dx filter ((not skimmer) or (skimmer and (master or unique>1))) and spottercqzone=5".

Everyone who operates in the contest should submit his/her log to CQ to contribute to our Club score. CQ will send you an email confirming receipt. If you didn't get the email, you need to resubmit. Full details on how to do this are in the contest rules at <http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm>. Remember to show "Carolina DX Association" as your Club.

The deadline for submitting logs to CQ is Friday after the contest at 2400 UTC, November 29. That's 7 pm EST.

And I need your results at the same time so I can have the CWAC prizes ready to present at our December 5th CDXA party. Send me your number of QSOs, number of countries, number of zones, and total score. Additionally, I need your power level (high, low, or QRP) and whether or not you were assisted. And, if you made over 1000 QSOs, your preference for a prize – trophy or Outback Steak House gift card. Send them to w3oa@roadrunner.com.

Some Soapbox Comments from the SSB contest:

KZ2I: Limited time due to other commitments. Really a shame because bands were in good shape.

K8YC: I can't believe how hard it is in CQWW to work low power with a vertical after having a linear from about 2001 to now. I spent most of my time filling my DXKing slots and now have my point count to 144. If I have to contest again using low power and a vertical, I'll not be contesting.

N4ZC: I don't think N1MM knows what to do with Z68BH or RI1ANU. I worked Z68BH on 15/10 and RI1ANU on 20/10. The log thinks it is in Eu Russia, even when you put the correct zone in the log as zone 13. I looked at the WAE rules and Z6 counts, so it should count for CQWW. I worked Z68BH on 15 and 10 but N1MM doesn't count it. RI1ANU is in the South Shetland islands and should count. I worked RI1ANU on 20 and 10 but N1MM doesn't count it. I guess all the N1MM logs will go in without these. Counting all bands, I did work all 40 zones. Counting all bands, a total of 156 countries. PS: Every year gets harder to put in the time. At the end of the contest, my wife made a meal. After eating, my wife said, you must really be tired. I said, ya, but why did you say that? She said, when you finished eating and you put the stuff back in the fridge, you put it in the freezer.

NV4A: Murphy showed up early and stayed till the end. When I fired everything up Friday afternoon to do final checks, the A3S would only load up on 10m! ...bad 15m trap maybe? Anyway, nothing but multiband dipole 35' up, with 1kw power limit, for 15, 20, 40 and 80 made for a long weekend (*yeah, I know ...whine, whine, whine.*) The amp froze up once, and had to be unplugged and plugged back in to get it going again, and the computer mouse went belly up. And mid-afternoon Sunday, 10m started flaking out on the beam too. ...Game over. I did work over 100 countries on 10 though.

W2ZV: Ran a 2 element 10 Meter beam hung on the rafters in the attic pointed due west with clip leads to extend the driven element for 15 and 20 Meters. Worked a JA and 3 VK's on 10 Meters. Saturday was really good on 10, while Sunday was down some. 20 Meters was OK to Europe and the Americas, while 15 Meters was not so hot, as the 10 Meter reflector hurt the pattern some. Never even tried the 40 meter dipole in the attic. Had a great time.

W4WNT: Wow, these are the conditions we should always have for contests!! Best score ever, also all time new ones Guam and Moorea Is.

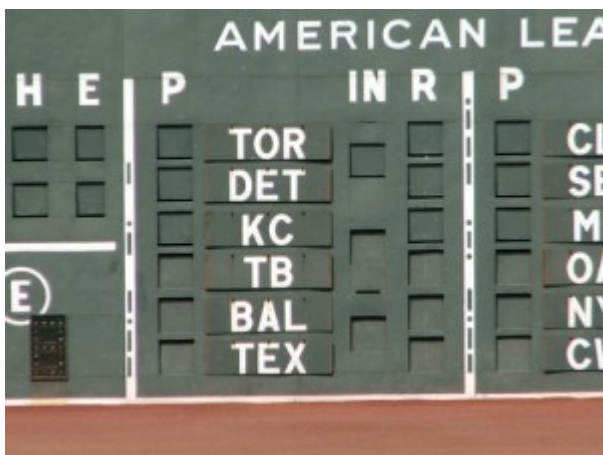
K4DXA: I had problems with rotor on Friday getting ready for contest. Turns out with help from my neighbor who is not a ham, trouble shooting we found a bad wire in the rotor cable. Was able to fix that but then still have to get the tower tilted back and reinstall a rotor, put a ham four in instead of the tailtwister and now it will not turn the array! Will have to figure that out on the 4th when we return to Mint Hill this weekend. Spent all day Saturday working on the problem and several hours Sunday trying to get the rotor to turn as a result no contacts.

Contest Operation from PJ7

And one final note on the contest: Be sure to listen for, and work PJ7W. CDXAer Dennis McAlpine, K2SX, will be leading that multi-operator effort during the contest. There will be at least three operations from FS (...French side of the island) as well.

While we're on the topic of CW...

From an on-line article that Bill F., W4GRW, found, here's a picture of the score board at Fenway Park. "TAY" and "JRY" are the initials of Thomas A Yawkey and his wife, Jean R Yawkey; who were co-owners of the Red Sox for many years.



CDXA Will Award Prizes in ARRL Ten Meter Contest

(Ten Meters Is Back – Join the Fun)

Last year CDXA returned to the top ten in the Ten Meter Club Competition. Our total score was 1,736,694 points putting us eighth among the 36 clubs in the Medium Category. We only had 18 entries of the 50 allowed in the Medium Category. So we can improve our standing further just by increasing the number of our members entering the contest. To encourage more activity we will again give Outback Steak House gift cards to three top scoring CDXA members and raffle off a fourth among all other CDXA participants making 100 or more QSOs.

More important points:

- Contest starts at 7 pm EST Friday, December 6th, and ends at 7 pm Sunday. Operate no more than 36 hours.
- Once again the 32 states of Mexico count as multipliers. Make sure your logging software is up to date and scores the Mexican multipliers.
- The exchange is just a signal report and state.
- Review the contest rules at <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>.
- The top three scoring entries will receive a \$50 Outback Steak House gift card.
- A fourth prize of a \$50 Outback Steak House gift card will be raffled off among other CDXA members who complete 100 or more QSOs. This includes operators at multi operator stations whose score will count for CDXA.
- Only members whose scores are eligible for the club competition (meet the 175 mile criteria) as defined in the contest rules can win the Gift Cards.
- Prizes will be based on claimed scores. You must send your score to w3oa@roadrunner.com by December 17 to be eligible for a prize.

So get on the air and have some fun on ten meters.



The Holiday Party is almost sold out. If you want to go, and haven't signed up, go to the [On Line RSVP Form](#).

...And it's Election Time

Please don't forget that if you aren't going to the Holiday Party or if you just want to vote early, please go to <http://goo.gl/P0w2uR> and fill out the Election Proxy. Remember, if you do vote by proxy, please don't vote again at the party.No "Vote Early, Vote Often." All current officers have expressed a willingness to stand for reelection for 2014, and Dr. Sam Hawes (K4DGJ), the Nominating Official, reported that there were no nominations received by the November 6th deadline.

Pun Alert!

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

DXpedition Fever

The crew at K9W, including CDXAers Team Leader Lou, N2TU; Joe, AA4NN; and Dick, W3OA; are still racking up contacts as this is written, with over 96,500 Qs in the log, but they will be off the air and preparing to come

home by the time you read this. On a related note, the ARRL just made it official, by announcing in a Press Release on 11/11, that K9W will count for DXCC credit.

But, it's not just K9W that we've had to choose from the last couple of weeks. The 5J0R San Andres team has already headed home. T33A is still going strong on Banaba Island, as is XR0ZR, on Juan Fernandez Island. It's been a fun couple of weeks.

So, once everybody goes back home, what's next? Don't forget that we have the CQWW CW Contest and the 10 Meter Contest right around the corner. Especially if the good prop continues, that should make for a couple of busy weekends with a chance to fill in some band-entities, or even snag some new ones. The next really big DXpedition isn't far off either. The Amsterdam Island DXpedition is now set to go on the air in January 2014 with the call FT5ZM. The team is expecting contacts with North and South America to be a challenge, so this is one we might really have to work for. Check out their website at www.amsterdamdix.org.





DX King News



Dick Williams, W3OA

Item 1: Full details of our DX King Contest and your chances to win a tablet computer are on page 3 of the [January Pileup](#).

Item 2: Here are the scores for the 2013 DX King competition I have as of October 31:

Call	Category	Countries	Zones	Total
K5EK	Unlimited	272	40	312
K7BV	Unlimited	266	40	306
W4HG	Unlimited	266	40	306
AA4SC	Unlimited	251	40	291
K4GHS	Unlimited	241	40	281
W3GQ	Unlimited	239	39	278
W3ZL	Formula	196	36	232
K4NC	Unlimited	193	38	231
K2SX	Unlimited	177	40	217
NV4A	Unlimited	166	38	204
W3OA	Unlimited	165	38	203
K4FS	Unlimited	155	36	191
K1MIJ	Unlimited	146	36	182
NK0S	Unlimited	135	38	173
W4CWA	Unlimited	135	35	170
N2TU	Unlimited	128	32	160
N4PQX	Unlimited	118	40	158
W4WNT	Formula	117	29	146
K8YC	Formula	116	30	146
K4DXA	Unlimited	114	31	145
W1AJT	Unlimited	103	33	136
W4UFO	Unlimited	104	28	132
KZ2I	Unlimited	103	29	132



Who will end up wearing the crown this year? Just two more months to rack up points.

Item 3: Don't forget to send me (w3oa@roadrunner.com) your DX marathon scores as of the last day of each month after your score reaches 100.

The Back Page

- The 2013 Field Day results are in, and, once again, the CDXA team did very well. See Page 1.
- The Fall BBQ was a hit, weatherwise, foodwise, and conversationwise.OK, so maybe those aren't real words, but they're pretty descriptive of a very nice event. A few more words, and lots of pictures begin on Pg 2.
- The CQWW CW Contest is coming up the weekend before Thanksgiving. Check out the article from W3OA on Page 4, which also contains "soap box" comments from some of the CDXAers who participated in the CQWW Phone Contest. Don't forget that to do well as a club, we need as many points as possible from as many of you who can find at least some time to participate.
- The 10 Meter Contest is also coming up, starting the evening of Dec. 6th. If the propagation holds, it should be a fun contest. See details on Page 5.
- The Holiday Party and Annual Election will be at the Toast of Dilworth on December 5th. See Page 6 for details, and don't forget to vote, either by Proxy or at the party.
- It's been a busy time for DXpeditions, including K9W with three CDXAers on the team. Look at Page 6 to see what other activity is going on.
- DX King scores through the end of October are posted on Page 7. You'll have to wait until January to see who's unofficially leading the pack for the year, since the *Pileup* will be on vacation next month.
- One last note: Last month we used pictures from SEDCO which Carl, N4AA, provided. I forgot to mention that they were taken by David Bower, K4PZT. Thanks, David!

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